

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Lexington City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Alderman Don Revelle in the City Council Chambers at the Lexington City Hall.

Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Johansen to appoint Alderman Don Revelle as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor John Mohr. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Alderman Cole, Alderman Johansen, Alderman Miller, Alderman Fosen, Alderman Phelps, and Alderman Revelle. Members of the staff and public present were: Star Torkelson, David Belvery, Mike Richard, Chase McCumsey and Dave Schneider. Deputy Clerk, Star Torkelson, recorded the minutes in the absence of Clerk Melanie Kunkel.

It was moved by Alderman Johansen and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2014 special council meeting and September 8, 2014 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alderman Fosen and seconded by Alderman Phelps to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills in the amount of \$54,604.91. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** Mike Richard addressed the council. Mike Richards brought his concerns to the council in regards to the new proposed development that would be located across from his house. It was requested by Mike Richard that the City provide a row of bushes to prevent the residents from the new development from walking through his yard for direct access to the new development. Alderman Revelle noted that Richard's wishes would be worked with to control parking and that it would be discussed to help prevent a nuisance. Chase McCumsey addressed the council with concerns over the Fireside's enclosed outdoor eating area. McCumsey was concerned that the new enclosure was not ADA compliant as he doesn't feel it would allow for wheelchair access. Council agreed to look into the original agreement and review the building permit. Code Compliance Officer, Dave Jenkins, will also be contacted to inspect the enclosure. Chase McCumsey also asked the council if the Barker Chevrolet deal was still going to be extended. Alderman Fosen advised that there was discussion into extending the agreement, but that nothing had been brought to the council.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Water leak at Fireside Inn:** Alderman Cole noted that Fireside still has a leak at their location. Brandon Freed was advised of the leak by Public Works employee Bill Elias. Alderman Cole reminded the council of previous payment history with the Fireside and wanted it recorded in the minutes that the Fireside had been made aware of the leak. Alderman Johansen recommended that the water bills should contain a notice to the resident if a leak was detected.

**Purchase of Computers for Admin and PD:** Alderman Revelle presented the council with a bid for new computers for the Collector and the Police Department. City Collector, Torkelson, described the need for a new computer to replace the two older computers that are currently in use. Chief Belvery states that the Police Department computer is infected with viruses and the cost to clean it up will be \$300. Alderman Cole asked if grant money is available for something like this. Belvery mentions that the grant season is shut down for the year and no grant money is available. Grand total of \$3,955.95 for two computers and barcode printer. The transferring of data from the old computers to new computers is included in the bid as well as the labor to install the new systems. Chief Belvery advises the council of

the importance of an off-site backup location to prevent a total loss of data should City Hall flood or burn down. Alderman Revelle asked if any current measures are being taken to back up data. Collector noted that data from the main office is being backed up to flash drives and stored in a fireproof cabinet. Alderman Fosen asked that when old computers are disposed of that they are wiped clean. Alderman Johansen asked if we can recover any data from the old computers. Chief Belvery informs the council that old data would be copied from old computers to the new computers. Alderman Johansen asked how money will be split between the two departments and wants to stipulate that no more money be put into the old computers. Motion by Alderman Johansen and second by Alderman Phelps to approve the purchase of the new computer systems in the amount of \$3955.95. Motion carries unanimously.

**Discussion of Ordinance Related to Vehicle Impound:** Alderman Phelps advised the council that an Impound Ordinance would allow the City to collect a vehicle impound fee. Chief Belvery advised that the State of Illinois allows up to a \$500 charge for certain crimes for impounding their vehicle. Chief Belvery states the numerous offenses that would result in an individual having their vehicle impounded and notes that the ordinance allows for the individual to request a hearing. Alderman Fosen asked for an explanation of how the hearing process works. Chief Belvery explains the hearing timeline and that he would be working with Tibbs to discuss the language to outline the hearing guidelines. Chief Belvery notes that this is a solid law as far as liability to the City and has been tested in the courts. Chief Belvery also advises that the impound fee is a deterrent. Alderman Cole is not in agreement with \$500. Alderman Phelps states that \$500 is the starting point for discussion. Discussion from the public in regards to the fairness of the impound fee and how it would affect different family situations. Chief Belvery states that when it comes to the law, he has to apply the law equally to everyone and it's up to the courts to remedy the outcome.

**Proposals for Construction of PD Evidence Locker:** Alderman Phelps distributes the estimates that Chief Belvery had collected for the construction of a new evidence room. Chief Belvery discusses the inadequate evidence room and explains the proposal to build wall, move cabinets and install stronger door. Chief Belvery notes that the building does not have an alarm system and the building is not manned 24 hours a day with full time patrol, therefore a secure evidence locker is needed. Chief Belvery describes how he will have the officers place evidence in a secure temporary storage area that he will then access to move the items to the permanent location. Access and control advises Chief Belvery. Right now everyone has a key to the evidence locker. We can't have that. There should be 1 or 2 people with access to the evidence. Bids are to make a more secure evidence room with controlled access. Alderman Cole requests that Chief Belvery consider a fireproof safe for evidence storage. Alderman Johansen asks if this project was something that the Public Works Department could build and notes that the City can cap the project at a cost of \$3000. Motion by Alderman Phelps and second by Alderman Johansen to approve the project for \$3000 and to have Public Works Department help with the project. Motion carries unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Mayor: None**

**Police: None**

**Building/Insurance:** Alderman Miller advises that a quote for Risk Management Insurance is being prepared by our current provider and also Gallagher. Alderman Miller discussed the employee health insurance and how coverage will be up for renewal in December. Blue Cross Blue Shield indicates a 28% increase in the City's current rate for employee coverage. Alderman Miller seeks input from council in regards to different options that the City has in providing insurance for employees. Alderman Johansen notes that the City has paid 100% of the employee coverage as long as he can recall. Alderman Cole asks that the aldermen talk to the employees to see how the current coverage is working. Alderman Miller mentions that the City pays 100% of the employee coverage and 60/40 for family coverage. Alderman

Miller advises the council that Devin Berstein is looking into other options for the City. Aldermen Cole recommends Miller sitting down with the employees to discuss the needs of the City.

**Finance/TIF:** Alderman Fosen mentions that the City went into this year knowing that the City would be deficient spending and asks that the City be mindful of that going forward.

**Sanitation:** None by Alderman Johansen. Alderman Phelps noted that the Fireside has an overflowing dumpster and garbage along the back of the building for weeks and that garbage is blowing all over the place.

**Street/Alley:** None by Alderman Revelle. Alderman Phelps asks about the alley behind the Methodist Church and questioned the formal entry in to the alley. Alderman Revelle advised that he would ask Bill Elias in regards to the progress.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Phelps and seconded by Alderman Fosen to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Star Torkelson, Deputy Clerk

Approved: 10/13/14